



IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Group Art Unit: 2883

Applicant: Matthew Holt et al.

Examiner: Ryan A. Lepisto

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Title: HERMETIC SEAL ON METALLIZED FIBER
OPTICS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance for the allowed claims as set forth in the Notice of Allowability, Applicants agree with the Examiner that the pending claims are allowable over the prior art. However, the pending claims recite a combination of features, and patentability of these claims resides in those combinations. As such, there may be additional basis for patentability beyond those specifically identified by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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